regular service subject to availability of vacancies.

(b) The Committee consisted of

Secretary, Co-ordination—Chairman

Addl. Secretary, Expenditure — Member

Addl Secretary, Pensions — Member

Addl. Secretary, Health — Member

and was constituted on 19th Nov., 1990. The Committee submitted its report on 26th February, 1991. The Government after careful consideration and acceptance of recommendations of the Committee issued orders on 5th December, 1991.

(c) 85 officers of I.S.M. and H have received. They have also benefited in terms of

(i) P.G. Allowance at the enhanced rates of Rs. 100/- p.m. for P.G. Diploma holders and Rs 200/- p.m. for P. G. Degree holders sanctioned w.e.f. 1-1-1986.

(ii) Book allowance at the rate of Rs. 3000/- per annum to those holding P.G. Degree/Diploma and Rs. 1200/- per annum to those possessing a degree w.e.f. 1-10-1987.

(iii) Conveyance allowance at the enhanced rates i.e Rs. 550/-p.m. for those who maintain own Motor Car and Rs. 180/- p.m. for those who maintain own Scooter/Motor Cycle and Rs. 150/- p.m. for those who do not maintain either car or Motor Cycle/Scooter w.e.f. 1-10-1986.

Efforts to Reorient Health Policies

2340. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any effort to reorient health policies in view of new problem areas;

(b) what are the details of the efforts to inculcate fresh spirit to combat AIDS; and

(c) whether Government's attention is distracted by issues close to interest or priorities of W.H.O.?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The relevance of the health strategies is continuously reviewed based upon the current health concerns and epidemological changes..

(b) The strategies to combat AIDS consist of generation of awareness about safe sex; promotion of blood safety and rational use of blood; prevention and control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases; promotion of condom use for prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS and better clinical management of AIDS cases.

(c) No. Sir.

Data on Tobacco Usage

2341. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State-wise data has been compiled on tobacco use;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof State-wise data on types of tobacco used;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to widen data on this subject; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise data on types of tobacco used are not available.

(c) and (d) Studies to estimate the prevalance of tobacco usage are being initiated by two population based registry (Bangalore and Bhopal) under the National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research.

Proposal for Financial air from World Bank

2342. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has been approached to finance any programme with regard to health;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any programme meant for implementation in Andhra Pradesh has been sent to World Bank for financial aid; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) National Aids Control Project

(ii) National Leprosy Eradication Programme

(iii) National Programme for Control of Blindness

(iv) T. B. Control Project.

(c) and (d) A Health System Project in Andhra Pradesh to upgrade secondary level hospitals has been posed to World Bank for financial assistance.

Demand for contraceptives

2343. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the details of the demand and supply of Nirodh, contraceptives, jellys and the like that are used for family planning?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Condoms (Nirodh), Oral Pills and Copper-T are supplied in the Family Welfare Programme. The demand for these contraceptives is fully met. Supplies made during the current financial year (April, 1993 to February, 1994) are given below—

Condoms	1144.35 Million pieces;
Oral Pills	617.29 lakh cycles
Copper-T	80.82 lakh pieces

Impact of Polybags on Health

2344. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report in the Indian Express of 14 January, 1994 titled "That polybag is injurious to your health";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the developing countries now have been discarding the use of such packaging material both for being hazardous to health and environment;

(d) if so, whether Government would initiate timely measures, including educating the people, in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) There are reports about plastic products causing health hazards as they are not bio-degradable and cause problems of disposal. The Bureau of Indian Standards have laid down specifications for safe use of plastics.